

FOR PARENTS ONLY

By Nancy Cleaver

Pictures for a child's room should be chosen with as much care as his books. They form part of his environment and no parent can measure the extent of their influence. Children love certain pictures even as they have favorite toys. As well as affording pleasure, pictures stimulate the child's imagination. When a child is alone, gazing at a picture, his little conversation to himself often reveals that he is miles away. He has passed through the doorway of the picture into the magic land of "Let's Pretend".

Parents often forget that their children are "little people" with a much lower eye level than grown ups. Pictures should be hung correctly for the comfort of those who look at them. Thus, the pictures in a child's room should be hung low. The permanent pictures should be suitably framed. The glass and temporary pictures may be mounted frame help to keep them clean. But on a colored mat and put up for a time with thumb tacks.

Most Appeal

Try to discover what types of pictures appeal most to your child. Little youngsters enjoy pictures of babies, of other children at play, or animals, especially kittens, puppies and baby animals with their mother. Bright color, such as red attracts a child's attention. They prefer simple outlines without too much detail. Almost every child goes through a stage of liking a special kind of picture as circus pictures.

Whenever possible a child should be given the opportunity to exercise some choice in the pictures for their rooms. If a child has a "say" in their selection, he is bound to be more interested in them. Many firms use lovely colored prints on their calendars which children like and which are worth keeping. Magazines display some attractive colored prints too.

Canadians should be more aware of their own artists. A good colored print of a Canadian scene is a splendid way to interest boys and girls in the painting of their own countrymen. The National Gallery in Ottawa, the Art Gallery in Toronto and other galleries, keep a supply of colored prints of certain pictures, at moderate prices. Pictures such as Horatio Walker's "Maple Sugar Harvest", Paul Kane's "An Indian Encampment on Lake Huron", Cornelius Kreighoff's "The Habitant Farm", Clarence Gagnon's

"March in the Birch Woods", Arthur Moming's "A Canadian Trail", or Frank Panabaker's "Winter Woods" are part of our cultural heritage which Public School scholars are likely to find interesting. They may not want to have them permanently in their rooms but each one has its own charm. Small colored prints of these and many other paintings are shown in Albert H. Robson's "Canadian Landscape Painters". This may be found in most public libraries. Parents can encourage picture appreciation by looking through such a book with their boy or girl.

Questions

Children naturally ask questions about any object, including a picture which fascinates them. Here are some questions which might be asked about a print of any famous picture—

"Who painted it? Why did he choose this subject? What kind of a person was he? When did he live? Why do I like this picture."

How much of its detail can I remember when I shut my eyes and try to recall them? Parents can train their children in keen and accurate observation by playing a "picture game" as indicated by the last question.

Pictures should not be left on any wall so long that no one sees them! They should be re-arranged, especially after rooms have been newly papered! Occasionally put a picture away for a time and add a new one to the home's picture collection. Older boys and girls often are eager to put into effect some of their ideas about selecting pictures and the new picture's relation to the others on the walls. A love of pictures is one of the best gifts any parent can give a child. What do you do in your home to encourage it?

CANADIAN GARDEN SERVICE

SWEET PEAS

Sweet peas are almost a must with most flower gardens throughout Canada. Except in those few areas where hot summer nights come early, there should be little difficulty in making a good showing. The secret is an early start, and preferably in a prepared bed. These plants, as well as the vegetable variety, make their first growth when soil and air are fairly cool, therefore planting just as soon as the soil is fit to work is advisable.

It is best to dig a trench about a foot or so deep. In the bottom put a six-inch layer of well-rotted leaves and manure. On top of this should be a couple of inches of good rich loam. In this the seed is planted about two inches apart and half an inch deep. Gradually as the plants develop the trench fills in, thus encouraging a deep root growth. Recently very much improved varieties have been available in Canada, as well as new colors. When the plants are up three or four inches some support for climbing should be provided. This may be brush or strings, or a combination of the two. Wire is not advisable as it is liable to cut or burn

the tender growth. If flowers are removed daily and no seed pods allowed to form, blooming will last far longer.

Lawns Need Early Attention

Grass seed is another thing that makes its best growth during the cool weather. The seed can be sown even before the last snow has disappeared. It is best to do this on a day when there is no wind and to make sure of even coverage it is advisable to broadcast from two directions. Some experts even advocate sowing last thing in the fall. The seed will be dormant throughout the winter and start growth first thing in the spring.

For new lawns the ground should be thoroughly prepared, cultivated several times to level off the surface and kill the weeds. Repairs are handled in somewhat the same fashion, with the bald spots raked thoroughly to open up the soil. A light raking one way will cover seed sufficiently.

Well nourished grass and high quality blended seed from a reliable seed house will usually crowd out most weeds. Grass, like any other plant will benefit from a good dressing of fertilizer. Commercial fertilizer, because it is free from weed seeds, is recommended. It should be sown in nitrogen, which is the chemical element which provides the green growth in plants.

A little early work with the sprayer and regular cutting with the lawn mower will help. Then there are the new 2,4-D sprays. These must be applied carefully according to directions and after the weather turns warm. They are a little hard on clover but they certainly do an amazing job in destroying dandelion dock, plantain and most other weeds. Where there is a heavy infestation one should follow with fertilizer, watering and some reseedin so that grass will take over where the weeds

have been killed or removed.

Nursery Stock

Nursery stock is the term applied to shrubby vines, trees etc. The wood of top quality stock will be green, pliable and with some strong well-formed buds. The roots should be protected from the air and be moist or wet, and it is necessary that they be kept in that condition until they are planted in their new quarters and growing. If the ground is not fit to receive them when purchased the plants should be "heeled in", that is planted temporarily in a trench with soil packed about the roots.

HISTORY OF RAYMOND

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week following the Relief Society 17th of March party. The old folks then were not 60 or 70 but 50 years young. Bishop Knight, his counsellors, the president of the Relief Society and her counsellors, the widows and widowers then as now were invited to attend these special occasions. It is interesting to note that Arthur Dahl, first chairman has been in attendance at every honored guest function from that day to this except last year when he was disappointed in transportation. Contrast the 12 couples then with the 177 at the recent honored guest day.

PROTECT FROM FLIES

With the approach of warm weather most Canadians can expect flies and other insects to make their usual summer invasion. Nearly everyone knows that flies spread disease, but not everyone takes the trouble to keep these pests out of the house. Spring is the time to check up on screen doors. Properly placed these appliances are among the best means of avoiding insects borne infections.

Judge: "Hank I've known you for years and am sorry that my first duty is to try you for being intoxicated. Why did you get drunk?"

Offender: To celebrate your election your honor.

Mother: How do you like your piano teacher dear?

Little son: I don't like her. I'd like to grab her and bite her in the back of the neck like daddy does.

ACROSS

1. Appraise
5. Stinging insect
9. Measure of land
10. Poker stake
11. A weapon
12. Animal valuable for its fur
14. Close to
15. Apple seed
17. Coin (Swed.)
18. Animal's pelt
20. A closed oval curve
23. Silkworm
25. Evergreen tree
26. Closes firmly
28. Presents
32. Electrified particle
34. Wet through and through
35. Selected for military service
39. Before
40. Rowing implement
41. Male cat
43. Tantalum (sym.)
44. Firm
47. A portable chair
49. A sweet soft drink
50. Ireland (poet.)
51. Boy's class (Eng.)
52. Observes

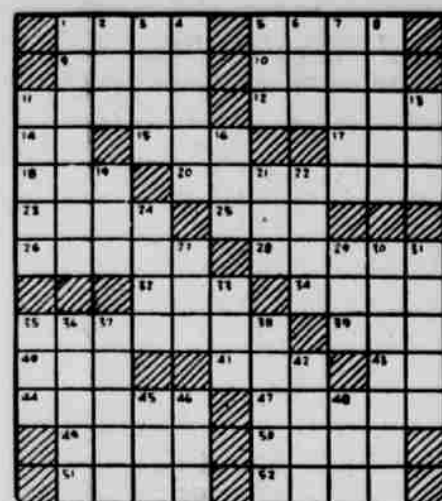
DOWN

1. Ecstasy
2. Highest card
3. Snare
4. Weird
5. Part of "to be"
6. Insect
7. Bend
8. Fruits
11. Burglar-proof steel chest
12. Golf mound
16. Travel back and forth
19. Narrow inlet (geol.)
21. Support
22. Certainly (archaic)
24. Arabic letter
27. Confirmed drunkard
29. Enemy
30. Plaid woolen fabrics (Scot.)
31. Short sword (Early Irish)
33. Snare-bug
36. Lift
37. Cant

ANSWER ON

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38. Measures of medicine
42. Sheer
45. An artificial language
46. Man's name
48. Perish



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